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BSG AWARDED SUN iFORCE DATACENTER STATUS

Highest level of company certification within Sun's iForce partners

10 January 2005: BSG Business Systems Group (BSG), a leading UK Technology Services Group based in London, announced today that it has been awarded Sun's iForce Data Centre Accreditation.

Very few partners have achieved this level of expertise, which is the highest level of company certification within Sun's iForce partner competency program, and as such it demonstrates BSG's proven capability in designing, deploying and operating complex infrastructure solutions based on Sun's entire product portfolio.

This accreditation represents a significant investment by BSG and means that our clients benefit from;

- Access to industry leading Sun specialists, certified in architecting, implementing and managing highly available solutions for the data centre that run business-critical applications.
- Access to new Sun products early in their development cycle to ensure the best guidance possible in product selection and solution deployment

Nick Gerard, BSG's CEO said, "BSG is extremely pleased with our new status as a Sun Data centre Partner. Being a member of the program gives us early access to product information as we design and deploy infrastructure solutions for our clients who are looking to upgrading to the latest Sun technology."

Gerard continues "In addition, the peer-networking opportunities will allow us to expand the types of solutions and services we can offer our clients. The award is a reflection on the skills and experience across our consulting, deployment and operations teams."

Since 1987 BSG has developed a proven track record in designing, deploying and operating all or part of an organisations technical infrastructure. BSG's Sun Data centre Partner status will support its technology strategy and integration services – to ultimately establish where additional functionality and systems integration can be derived to deliver defined key business objectives. This assessment is designed to leverage existing infrastructures and to re-engineer, not to re-invent, an existing technical infrastructure.

BSG is one of a handful Sun partners in the UK that maintains Sun Service Manager accreditation - the highest Sun Service accreditation available - offering comprehensive, business critical Sun service and support to our clients. BSG's focus on service excellence is demonstrated by the fact that our entire IT operations and support services have been awarded BS7799 Information Security Management System (ISMS) certification. This is the most widely recognised security standard accreditation in the world and was awarded to BSG for its data centre and managed hosting operations.

Along with Sun Application Provider Resource Centre (APRC) BSG's Sun Datacenter Partnership status complements its existing Sun accreditation.

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Business Systems Group (BSG): www.bsg.co.uk

BSG designs, deploys and operates all or part of its clients operations. BSG achieves this through specialist sector knowledge, which delivers quantifiable business benefit to its clients and their customers.

Since 1987, BSG has developed its capabilities to deliver end-to-end solutions. These range from design and deployment of all or part of a client's technical infrastructure to the operation of ongoing system management, 24 x 7 support and education services. BSG also offers high value consultancy services including the design and integration of multi-channel solutions and new applications.

Our client solutions have enabled companies like Nissan / Renault, Egg, Smile, Legal and General, Mapeley, Extenza, Merrill Lynch, Amnesty International and George Wimpey to become more efficient, reduce costs and to deliver a more effective service to their customers and members.

BSG partnerships and accreditations include: BS7799 certification, ISO 9001 accreditation, Office of Government Commerce (OGC) Supplier, Sun Application Provider Resource Centre (APRC), Sun DataCenter Accreditation, Sun Service Manager, HP Enterprise Solution Delivery Partner and Authorised Solution Business Partner Authorised, Microsoft Gold Certified Partner and Certified Solutions Provider, IBM Advanced Partner, Cisco Premier Partner, Citrix Silver CSN Partner, Novell Platinum Partner and Oracle Member Partner.

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